

G1 in 5 min

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Reference



Brendan Cordy

Diagonalization & The Fixed Point Lemma

<http://qubd.github.io/files/FixedPointLemma.pdf>,



Yong Cheng

Current research on Gödel's incompleteness theorems

[Bulletin of Symbolic Logic, 2021, 113-167](#)

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-What is 'this statement' ?

◦ *'Alice is reading this statement.'*

-What is 'this statement' exactly?!

◦ *'Alice is reading this statement.'*

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Congratulations! Now you know what is 'Self-reference' (or 'Self-contain').

-I don't like 'this'. Please give an answer without use of the annoying 'this'.

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-Kinda not working.

-Because this statement is true

if and only if **Alice** is reading the statement '**Alice** is reading the statement',

which is not the same as **Alice** is reading "**Alice** is reading the statement '**Alice** is reading the statement'".

Substitution

Let $r(x)$ be ‘My favorite sentence is x ’, where x is called a **variable**.

If c means *Good morning*, then $r(c)$ means

My favorite sentence is ‘Good morning’.

If b means *My favorite sentence is x* , then $r(b)$ means

My favorite sentence is ‘My favorite sentence is x ’.

Notice: the x here is not a **variable**!

Diagonalization

So for any formula $s(x)$ with one variable, we call $s('s(x)')$ its diagonalization.

Then consider the sentence

Alice is reading the diagonalization of 'Alice is reading the diagonalization of x '

Bingo!

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Then you can similarly get a statement that

The statement is true iff it has no proof (in PA .)

Get $G1$!

Non-trivial and technical parts :

- Code/Arithmetization
- The Diagonalization function is recursive.
- The notion of ‘proof’ and related concepts in $G1$ and $G2$ are then expressed (‘represented’) via arithmetization.